

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0012] of the specification with the following rewritten paragraph [0012]:

-- [0012] Specific aspects of the invention will now be discussed with reference to Figures 1-A - 1-D. Figure 1-A shows a compactor 10. Compactor 10 has an input roller 12 that is rotated in the direction indicated by arrow 14 by a motor drive ~~(not shown)~~ 100. A second input roller 16 engages roller 12. Roller 16 rotates in a direction opposite to roller 12 and can be driven by a drive motor 102. Typically, input rollers 12 and 16 are faced with a resiliently compressible material such as rubber or foam, but this is not mandated and one or both of the rollers may even have metallic surfaces. --

Please replace paragraph [0013] of the specification with the following rewritten paragraph [0013]:

-- [0013] A slipsheet (not shown) travels along an input table 20. Input rollers 12 and 16 operate in combination with a wheel 18 to urge the slipsheet toward an input roller engagement area 22 at the nip between rollers 12 and 16. A slipsheet once engaged between rollers 12 and 16 is advanced between input rollers 12 and 16 into a chamber 24. Chamber 24 is defined on a first side by input rollers 12 and 16, on a second side by a plunger 26, on a third side by an upper guide 28, and on a fourth side by a lower guide 30. Longitudinal ends of pre-compression chamber 24 may be closed by end-plates ~~(not shown)~~ 106. --

Please replace paragraph [0015] of the specification with the following rewritten paragraph [0015]:

-- [0015] After the slipsheet has been completely fed into chamber 24 plunger 26 advances to compact the slipsheet further. Plunger 26 is driven by an actuator ~~(not shown)~~ 104 along an arc approximately defined by lower guide 30. Referring now to Figure 1-B, plunger 26 is shown being extended to force a slipsheet (not shown) into a constricted throat area 40 near exit aperture 42, thus effecting further compaction of the slipsheet. Finally, as shown in Figure 1-C, plunger 26 has been extended until it is at exit aperture 42 to expel the slipsheet. A receptacle such as a bin, box, bag or the like may be placed under exit aperture 42 to collect compacted slipsheets. --